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Miss Barbara N. Gibbons 12 -- 25 20th Street Fair Lawn, NJ 07410-2307

Dear Miss Gibbons:

Thank you for your correspondence concerning the cost of long-distance service. The Commission will consider your comments in its proceeding regarding the pricing of low-volume long-distance service.

In that proceeding, the Commission is assessing the impact of certain charges—such as monthly, minimum long-distance fees; universal service charges; and the presubscribed interexchange carrier charge (PICC)—on customers who make few, or no, interstate long-distance calls. The Commission is doing so as part of its efforts to ensure that all Americans benefit from a robust and competitive communications marketplace. We hope that this inquiry will help us better understand and manage the effect of these charges on consumers.

We will add your correspondence to the official record of this proceeding. It will take approximately two weeks for your correspondence to be added to the Commission's electronic database, but a hard copy will be available in the Commission's public reference room within a week. If you have Internet access, you can view the entire record on our web site at one of the following addresses:

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Thank you again for your submission.

Sincerely,

Lynne Milne

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Mr. Jog Varma, Dep Chief
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Dear Sir:

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Jublic comment on long-distance minimum pates.

Last yar my basic AT&T rate, billed by Bell-Atlantic, has gone from \$1.78 bimonthly to \$3.56 bimonthly to \$7.28 monthly (all + tax).

Over a year and a half, my Cableviseon bill, with no premium channels, has gone from \$750.68 to \$35.49 to \$35.41. If the midia One deal goes through, I expect increases of the same magnitude as the LD pates.

Services (TV reception is dreadful w/o Cable, telephone obviously needed), but I wonder

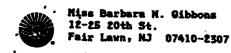
where this behandth is going to stop. Im not destribute but I am retired and on a fixed income, some of my friends are much worse off than and they are in the same boat these charges. I have come to the pight of armstrong's face, smiling for all the security analysts.

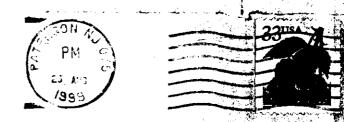
The competition in the telephone industry is mainly benefitting people who can afford huge bills. From what I've read, When the per-minute Charges go down, they tack longer. The competition in the cable TV undustry has never really been there and what there was is disappearing. Hense see the attached clipping and see if you don't agree.

> Very Gruly James, Bubara J. Gibhano

By BRIAN LOWRY

Special from the Los Angeles Times Submitted for your approval: A man walks into a diner and orders bacon and eggs.
"Coming up," the waitress says, "and you also get a danish, waffle, cereal, and fruit cup." "But I don't want any of that," the man "You don't have to eat them," she says. "You replies warily. just have to pay for them. No, he hasn't entered "The Twilight Zone," but rather the world of cable television.





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